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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS STATEMENT

THE FOLLOWING DEPT PRESS STATEMENT ON SUBJECT OF BRIBERY
OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS BY US COMPANIES WAS RELEASED MAY 15.

QUOTE: THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE AT
THIS TIME TO AMPLIFY RECENT POLICY STATEMENTS REGARDING
ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES BY UNITED STATES ENTERPRISES ABROAD.

AS INDICATED IN THOSE STATEMENTS, THE UNITED STATES GOVERN-
MENT DOES NOT CONDONE ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES BY AMERICAN
BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL FIRMS ABROAD. THE UNITED
STATES CONDEMNS SUCH ACTIONS BY US CORPORATIONS IN THE
STRONGEST TERMS. MOREOVER, ANY AMERICAN FIRM OR
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INDIVIDUAL MAKING UNLAWFUL PAYMENTS TO OFFICIALS OF

FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS CANNOT LOOK TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR PROTECTION FROM LEGITIMATE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS BY THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES OF EITHER THE FOREIGN COUNTRY IN QUESTION OR THE UNITED STATES.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE US GOVERNMENT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF HOST GOVERNMENTS WOULD CLARIFY THE RULES FOR FOREIGN FIRMS IN THEIR COUNTRIES REGARDING POLITICAL

CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHER PAYMENTS. WE ASSUME THAT THE INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF OFFENSES BY FOREIGN AUTHORITIES WILL BE NON-DISCRIMINATORY; THAT THE PENALTIES WILL BE PROPORTIONATE TO THE OFFENSE; AND THAT PERSONS OR FIRMS FOUND GUILTY OF IMPROPER CONDUCT WILL BE TREATED FAIRLY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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